

Remarks

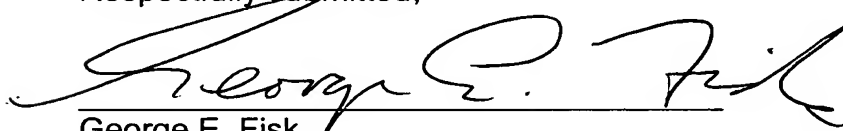
The amendments to the claims reduce the number of claims to 20 and remove multiple dependencies, for the purpose of calculating the United States filing fee. The amendments are not intended to act as a waiver or giving up of any subject matter.

The amendment to claim 14 merely removes a double period at the end of the claim.

The amendments to claims 16, 18, 19 and 20, are necessary to provide an antecedent for the term "said filter media" in these claims.

Consideration of the application and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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